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SUBJECT: RHEINLANDPFALZ LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

1. SUMMARY: CDU SCORED SUBSTANTIAL GAINS IN REHINLAND-PFALZ LOCAL ELECTIONS, WHILE SPD SUFFERED SEVERAL LOSSES, THUS CONFIRMING TREND ESTABLISHED IN RECENT HAMBURG ELECTIONS. NITHER CDU GAINS NOR SPD LOSSES, HOWEVER, READDED HAMBURG PROPORTIONS. FDP, WHICH IS RELATIVELY WEAK IN THIS PROVINCE, SHOWED ONLY SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. MARCH 17 LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN CDU NATIONAL CHAIRMAN HELMUT KOHL'S HOME PROVINCE OF RHEINLAND-PFALZ UNCLASSIFIED

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PRODUCED FOLLOWING TENTATIVE RESULTS(1969 RESULTS

IN PARENTHESES FOR COMPARISON): CDU 51.7 PERCENT(43.9), SPD 35.5(41.2), FDP 8.8(8.0). FRINGE AND INDEPENDENT GROUPS DID VERY BADLY. VOTER TURNOUT (79 PERCENT) WAS ONLY NORMAL.

3. SPD LOST 4.3 PERCEINT IN INDUSTRIAL LUDWIGSHAFEN, PARTYS CHIEF BASTION, BUT RETAINED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY. IN PROVINCIAL CAPITAL MAINZ, HWOEVER, SPD LOST ABSOLUTE MAJORITY, AND CDU EMERGED AS LARGEST PARTY. IN TRIER AND LANDAU, WHERE CDU ALREADY HAD PLURALITY, IT GAINED ITS FIRST ABSOLUTE MAJORITIES IN REHINLAND-PFALZ CITIES.

4. KOHL HAILED RESULTS AS SECOND ELECTORAL SUCCESS FOR CDU AFTER HAMBURG AND FURTHER PROOF THAT CDU HAS REGAINED STATNDING AS ALTERNATIVE TO PRESENT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. INTERIOR MINISTER SCHWARZ, HOWEVER, NOTED THAT RESULTS DID NOT ACHIEVE LEVELS OF HAMBURG. SPD CHAIRMAN DROESCHER CLAIMED "HAMBURG LANDSLIDE HAD BEEN STOPPED" AND BLAMED LOSSES ON FEDERAL POLITICS. HIS PRESCRIPTION WAS THAT SPD SHOULD "MOVE MORE TOWARD CENTER".HARLAN

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